

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-6 and 9-11, and amended claims 1 and 7 are in this application.

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Napoles, U.S. Patent No. 5,438,696 in view of Metroka et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,117,449.

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"a first power supply circuit arranged so as to be connectable to said battery unit and operable to convert a voltage of said battery unit;

a second power supply circuit arranged so as to be connectable to said battery unit and operable to convert the voltage of said battery unit;" (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner appears to assert that Napoles and in particular unit 140 of Fig. 1 thereof discloses the first power supply circuit and that Napoles and in particular unit 175 of Fig. 1 thereof discloses the second power supply circuit. It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Napoles do not disclose the first power supply circuit and the second power supply circuit as specifically recited in claim 1. As an example, the first power supply circuit and the second power supply circuit are each connectable to the same battery unit and are each operable to convert the voltage of that battery unit. On the other hand, Napoles as applied by the Examiner specifically uses a main battery 140 and a backup battery 175. Such main battery 140 provides "a first voltage . . . on the order of 1.0-1.5 volts" and "is preferably a primary cell, such

as a conventional AA or AAA cell" (see lines 41-45 of column 3 of Napoles) and the backup battery 175 is "for powering the high voltage circuits" and "can be, for example, a 3 volt lithium or nickel-cadium cell" (see lines 31-44 of column 4 of Napoles).

Thus, the first and second power supply circuits are each arranged to be connectable to the same battery unit and to convert the voltage of such battery unit; whereas, Napoles as applied by the Examiner utilizes two different batteries as two power supply circuits.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Napoles and Metroka. For similar or somewhat similar reasons, it is also respectfully submitted that Amended independent claim 7 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Napoles and Metroka.

Claims 3-6 and 9-11 depend from one of independent claims 1 and 7. As a result, it is also respectfully submitted that claims 3-6 and 9-11 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Napoles and Metroka for at least the reasons previously described.


As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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